

Initial claims backlog is defined as claims filed that take more than 21 days to issue first payment or disqualification, regardless if the claimant or EDD need to take some type of action.

Status	12/10/20	12/11/20	12/12/20	12/13/20	12/14/20	12/15/20	12/16/20	1 Day Δ
(1) Pending Application Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Verifying Wages on a Claim	1,119	1,182	885	860	821	926	849	-77 -8.3%
(3) Resolving Other Eligibility Issues	28,698	24,367	21,897	32,312	33,381	26,589	23,388	-3,201 -12.0%
(4) Waiting for Claimant Certification	407,427	331,146	328,142	342,224	346,571	345,719	346,223	+504 +0.1%
(5) Subtotal of 1-4	437,244	356,695	350,924	375,396	380,773	373,234	370,460	-2,774 -0.7%
(6) Total Unique Claimants	436,984	356,470	350,666	375,147	380,512	372,972	370,285	-2,687 -0.7%



- (1) Applications received that are pending EDD staff review to file the claim.
- (2) Applications processed but awaiting EDD work to add or remove verified wages that fund the claim. (Manual process of verifying wages reported by employer(s) are connected with the verified worker, and meets at least the minimum required earnings for payment. For example, adjustments are made once a claimant's identity is verified or a wage investigation is complete.)
- (3) Application and/or first certification processed but pending resolution of other eligibility issues based upon information provided by the claimant. (Issues that can delay processing include verifying the legal right to work in the U.S., and resolving a mistake made on the application. The process of verifying an identity can take longer to collect identity documents from claimants, verify them, and then forward to status category #2 for adding verified wages to the claim for payment.)
- (4) Pending claimant submission of their first bi-weekly certification before eligibility for payment can be determined. (Certifying is the process of answering a set of questions every two weeks that confirms ongoing eligibility for payment. However, a portion of claimants have historically never completed their certification by choice and become ineligible for payment. Examples include they've gone back to work, or they've removed themselves from the labor market, among others.)
- (5) Total of four categories above. (Because workload can bounce from one category to another, a claim can appear in more than one category. For example, a claimant could request for more wages to be added to their claim in status category #2 and EDD is also resolving a mistake made on their application in status category #3.)
- (6) Total unique claimants. (Represents total number of individuals with eligibility issues taking longer than 21 days to determine eligibility for benefits.)